<u>**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**</u>

1. (Previously Presented)   A sales system comprising: a recording medium for use in purchasing a commodity; a register apparatus for performing processing for settlement of payment for purchase of the commodity; and a server apparatus for managing commodity sales information relating to sales of commodities, the server apparatus being located in a shop,

wherein the recording medium includes:

a reception unit configured to receive pre-receipt information indicating a regular selling price of the commodity, and commodity information;

a storage unit configured to store condition information that indicates a condition to be fulfilled in order for a discount to be applied to the regular selling price of the commodity, and calculation method information indicating a method for calculating a discount amount;

a judgment unit configured to judge, when the commodity is being purchased, whether the discount is to be applied, based on the condition information;

a calculation unit configured to calculate, when the judgment unit judges that the discount is to be applied, the discount amount, based on the calculation method information and the pre-receipt information; and

an output unit configured to output the discount amount,

wherein the register apparatus includes:

a generation unit configured to generate the pre-receipt information, the pre-receipt information being generated before the judgment unit of the recording medium judges that the discount is to be applied;

a reception unit configured to receive the discount amount;

a calculation unit configured to calculate a discounted selling price of the commodity by subtracting the discount amount from the regular selling price; and

a payment processing unit configured to perform settlement processing for payment for selling the commodity at the discounted selling price,

wherein the recording medium stores thereon bearer information in correspondence with the condition information and the calculation method information, and is configured to output the bearer information in correspondence with the calculated discount amount, the bearer information indicating a bearer who bears the discount amount that is discounted from the

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regular selling price,

wherein the register apparatus is configured to receive the bearer information, and output the commodity sales information in which the bearer information is included, to the server apparatus, and

wherein the server apparatus stores therein shop server management information that indicates a manager of the server apparatus, and is configured to (i) receive the commodity sales information that includes the bearer information, and stores the commodity sales information, (ii) judge whether the bearer information included in the commodity sales information matches the stored sales server manager information, and (iii) when the commodity sales information is judged to not match the stored sales server manager information, transmit the commodity sales information to an external server managed by the bearer indicated by the bearer information and delete the stored commodity sales information.

2. (Previously Presented)   The sales system of Claim 1,

wherein the commodity sales information includes the regular selling price of the commodity that has been sold, the discount amount, and the discounted selling price, and

wherein the server apparatus is further configured to internally store the received commodity sales information.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented)   The sales system of Claim 1, further comprising a server apparatus provided in an external location to the shop,

wherein the server apparatus provided in the external location is the external server, and stores therein external manager information that indicates a manager of the external server and that matches the bearer information, and is configured to receive the commodity sales information from the server apparatus located in the shop, and internally store the received commodity sales information.

5-15. (Cancelled)

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16. (Currently Amended)   A sales system comprising: a mobile information terminal for use in purchasing a commodity; a register apparatus for performing processing for settlement of payment for purchase of the commodity; and a server apparatus for managing commodity sales information relating to sales of commodities, the server apparatus being located in a shop,

wherein the mobile information terminal includes:

a reception unit configured to receive pre-receipt information indicating a regular selling price of the commodity, and commodity information;

a storage unit configured to store condition information that indicates a condition to be fulfilled in order for a discount to be applied to the regular selling price of the commodity, and calculation method information indicating a method for calculating a discount amount;

a judgment unit configured to judge, when the commodity is being purchased, whether the discount is to be applied, based on the condition information;

a calculation unit configured to calculate, when the judgment unit judges that the discount is to be applied, the discount amount, based on the calculation method information and the pre-receipt information; and

an output unit configured to output the discount amount,
wherein the register apparatus includes:

a generation unit configured to generate the pre-receipt information, the pre-receipt information being generated before the judgment unit of the mobile information terminal judges that the discount is to be applied;

a reception unit configured to receive the discount amount;

a calculation unit configured to calculate a discounted selling price of the commodity by subtracting the discount amount from the regular selling price; and

a payment processing unit configured to perform settlement processing for payment for selling the commodity at the discounted selling price,

wherein the mobile information terminal stores thereon bearer information in correspondence with the condition information and the calculation method information, and is configured to output the bearer information in correspondence with the calculated discount amount, the bearer information indicating a bearer who bears the discount amount that is discounted from the regular selling price,

wherein the register apparatus is configured to receive the bearer information, and output the commodity sales information in which the bearer information is included, to the server apparatus, and

wherein the server apparatus stores therein shop server management information that indicates a manager of the server apparatus, and is configured to (i) receive the commodity sales information that includes the bearer information, and stores the commodity sales information, (ii) judge whether the bearer information included in the commodity sales information matches the stored sales server manager information, and (iii) when the commodity sales information is judged to not match the stored sales server manager information, transmit the commodity sales information to an external server managed by the bearer indicated by the bearer information and delete the internally stored commodity sales information.

17. (Previously Presented) The sales system of Claim 1, wherein

the judgment made by the judgment unit of the recording medium and the calculation made by the calculation unit of the recording medium are solely made by the recording medium.

18. (Previously Presented) The sales system of Claim 16, wherein

the judgment made by the judgment unit of the mobile information terminal and the calculation made by the calculation unit of the mobile information terminal are solely made by the mobile information terminal.